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CSUN Geography Department Featured at Trustees Meeting

Department Chosen for First of Academic Department Profiles Highlighting Outstanding Teaching and Research

Showcasing the campus' academic prowess, Cal State Northridge's Geography Department was chosen to make the first in a new series of presentations highlighting outstanding teaching and research in the Cal State system for the CSU's Board of Trustees.

The Geography Department (faculty at right) profile, presented at the trustees' mid-September meeting in Long Beach, drew a warm response from CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed, who called it "outstanding," and others attending the board's first meeting of the new school year.

CSUN Interim President Louanne Kennedy introduced the presentation that featured a 15-minute university-produced film profiling the department's activities, its faculty and staff achievements and the enthusiasm of its students. The department also produced an accompanying informational booklet.

"Our program is special because we have excellent faculty, talented and devoted staff, flexible programs and state-of-the-art facilities," said department Chair I-Shou Wang.

"I think we can all see it's a well-earned reputation," added David Spence, the CSU's executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer, after the half-hour presentation. "Thank you very much. We're very proud of the faculty and staff of this department."

In the past, the trustees have heard presentations from notable faculty members on their individual accomplishments. But for this fall, CSU officials decided to shift the focus to department presentations. The Chancellor's Office chose CSUN and its Geography Department to launch the new series.

Some of the highlights of the presentation included the following:

- Under the direction of curator Michael Swift, the department's map library has become one of the largest in the western United States, including nearly 300,000 flat map sheets. A unique component is the library's collection of Sanborn fire insurance atlases, which trace the urban development of more than 1,600 U.S. cities and towns.
- Professor William Bowen has created the California Geographical Survey (http://geogdata.csun.edu), a large, Internet-based resource of digital data and maps that has received international attention. The publicly accessible web site includes more than 1,500 detailed, on-line maps, including U.S. metropolitan area breakdowns for poverty, education, income and ethnicity.

- Led by weather observer Tim Boyle, the department operates an official National Weather Service cooperative weather station on campus. The station transmits via the Internet hourly weather data for Northridge. For his work, Boyle was chosen as CSUN's first Staff Employee of the Year.
- Under the direction of Chair I-Shou Wang, the department has worked to develop academic relations with the People's Republic of China, resulting in two international conferences with that country's Xi'an Foreign Language University and a third scheduled for 2001. CSUN and Xi'an also are working to develop a joint master's program in geography.
- CSUN graduate geography student Matthew Rosenberg has authored a 462-page book titled "The Handy Geography Answer Book."

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Grad Student Wins Scholarship to Beijing Film Academy

CSUN Receives One of Only a Handful of Such Scholarships Awarded in California

In a first for the campus, a Cal State Northridge graduate student has been awarded a scholarship to attend the prestigious Beijing Film Academy that has produced many of China's most renowned filmmakers.

Angus McNelis of CSUN's Radio-TV-Film Department will be a senior visiting scholar during 1999-2000 in the academy's directing program. McNelis chose the academy from a list of various Chinese universities available through the 1999 Chinese Government Scholarship program.

McNelis is among only a handful of university students in California this year to receive the prestigious China scholarship and the first ever at CSUN. Graduates of the Beijing Film Academy where he will be studying include such famed film directors as Zhang Yimou and Chen Kaige.

"I'm very interested in Chinese film, but my emphasis and focus is more on filmmaking at an international level. I've worked on Los Angeles films, and I've been involved in collaborations with people of distinct cultures working together," McNelis said.

The scholarship was awarded by the China Scholarship Council of the Ministry of Education in China. CSUN received one of the scholarships because of the university's long history of educational interaction with China, spearheaded by the programs of CSUN's own China Institute.

McNelis, who attended Vassar College as an undergraduate, was chosen for the China scholarship because of his strong academic background and his proficiency in the Chinese language. He also is fluent in Japanese, and has worked in the Japanese television industry in Tokyo for five years.

The CSUN graduate student has a wealth of professional experience in films produced in Los Angeles. His career in the independent film industry includes credits both as producer and editor.

"What I hope to receive is an insight into recent Chinese cinema and how that cinema has evolved up to the current period, because Chinese society is in such tremendous growth," McNelis said. "I hope to be able to develop concepts of approaches to projects that can be worked on collaboratively with filmmakers," he said.

Justine Su, director of CSUN's China Institute, said Chinese authorities chose Northridge for the scholarship this year over UCLA and other Southern California universities because of CSUN's strong ties with China. Those include the more than 70 visiting scholars and students from China that CSUN has sponsored in the past two years.

Founded in 1982, CSUN's China Institute has been influential in arranging educational and cultural activities and exchanges between China and the United States. As a result, CSUN through the years has entered into dozens of
edueational exchange agreements with institutions in China.

"The China Scholarship Council will consider offering CSUN one or two such scholarships each year as long as we can generate strong applicants," Su said.

Future scholarship candidates at CSUN, Su added, must be undergraduate or graduate students in any discipline, have strong interest in the Chinese language and culture, and must have some training in the Chinese language.

Campus officials involved in pursuing the scholarship for CSUN included Su and China Institute executive committee members; Mack Johnson, associate vice president of graduate studies, research and international programs; Judith Marlane, chair of CSUN's Radio-TV-Film Department, and John Charles, assistant director of international programs. Campus officials worked with E Xuewen, education consul from the Chinese Consulate in Los Angeles, on the effort.

McNelis recently departed for China and will return to CSUN this July to complete his master's degree studies.
CSUN Interim President Louanne Kennedy (second left) and Interim Provost Phil Handler (left) accept a $50,000 donation from GTE to expand a pilot online writing project for CSUN students. Also shown are GTE Public Affairs Director Francisco Uribe, CSUN PACE Director Sheryl Thompson, and English Department Chair Robert Noreen.
FYI

For Your Information publishes announcements of public meetings, notices, events, deadlines and classes and courses of interest to the university community. The deadline for submitting items generally is noon on Monday one week before the issue appears.

The deadline for the October 11 issue is Mon., October 4.

We will strive to include all items submitted by deadline occurring during the two-week period until the next issue. Items further in advance will be run on a space-available basis.

Submit items by e-mailing them to pubinfo@exec.csun.edu, sending them to mail drop 8242 or faxing them to (818) 677-4909. E-mail is the preferred method of submitting.
Note: fmi—means for more information.

Public Meetings

Senate Executive Committee
Meets 1-5 p.m. Thu., Sept. 30, in Business Building, conference room 3107.

University Corp. Directors
Meet 3 p.m. Thu., Sept. 30, at the University Club.

Personnel Planning & Review Committee
Meets 2-5 p.m. Wed., Oct. 6, in President's Conference Room A.

Notices

Equity and Diversity Award

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Project ACT and ACT Theatre, diversity awareness programs within University Counseling Services, were chosen last spring to receive the university's ninth annual Award for Outstanding Achievement in Equity and Diversity. The CSUN Presidential Advisory Board on Equity and Diversity each year honors a program or individual for outstanding achievement in promoting a campus climate that affirms the value of diversity. Founded in 1996, Project ACT trains students as peer educators to provide presentations to CSUN classes and other groups. Last year, Project ACT provided 67 presentations to nearly 3,000 students, faculty and staff. ACT Theatre, in alliance with CSUN's Theatre Department, involves CSUN students creating productions for university and public school students that highlight diversity issues.

**Jewish Religious Festivals**

The Provost's Office reminds the campus community that many traditional, orthodox and conservative Jewish students observe the following religious festivals: Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, which include Sat.-Sun., Oct. 2-3.

Faculty and staff are reminded of the responsibility to be sensitive to students' religious obligations as course deadlines and activities are scheduled. Also, under campus policy, students who are eligible to take a test or exam are permitted to do so, without penalty, at a time when that activity does not violate their religious creed.

**Clubs & Organizations Rechartering**

The annual rechartering meeting will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat., Oct. 2, in the University Student Union. At least one representative from each chartered organization must be in attendance. Information is available in club's and organization's mailboxes in the USU or from the Office of Student Development. Any organization failing to recharter will not be recognized for the 1999-2000 academic year.

**Diet Analysis Services**

The Marilyn Magaram Center for Food Science, Nutrition and Dietetics invites CSUN students, faculty and staff to learn more about their diets through diet analysis. Diet analysis interns will provide a detailed profile of your diet. Services for CSUN students, faculty and staff are provided at a discounted price of $5. Pick up forms at the Marilyn Magaram Center (SC 526) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon.-Wed., 2-4 p.m. Thu., or 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fri. fmi-x3102.

**Human Subject Research**

All faculty and students performing research that includes the use of human subjects must complete a human subjects protocol approval form. These forms are available from the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects (AP 706). The original form and eight copies should be submitted to the research office for review by the Standing Advisory Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects. The next deadline for submission of protocols is Thu., Sept. 30, for the meeting on Thu., Oct. 21.

**JADE Presentations**

The Joint Advocates on Disordered Eating Program offers 30- to 60-minute presentations for classes. Facilitated by trained CSUN student peer educators, the presentations increase awareness of causes, risk factors and symptoms of eating disorders; provide information on how to help a friend who may have an eating disorder, and provide referrals for professional help. Peer educators are available to come to your class or organization at your convenience. Presentations can be tailored to your group. To schedule a presentation, call x7500.

**Women's Support Group**

The Women's Support Group, sponsored by the Women's Center and University Counseling Services, meets from 5-
6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Student Services Building, room 520. fmi-x4803.

Monday Night Football

Watch Monday night football from 5:30-9:30 p.m. in the PUB at the USU. Come have food, drinks and fun.

NCOD Information

CSUN's National Center on Deafness provides the following Q. and A. for university faculty and staff members to better serve the university's deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

Q: How do I speak to individual deaf or hard-of-hearing students when they are looking at the interpreter instead of me?

A: It may seem awkward at first to be speaking to someone who is not looking at you. The tendency is to look at the interpreter rather than the student. But it is appropriate to look at the student while you are communicating with him or her. Some students will read your lips while you are speaking. Others will watch the interpreter for the information. In the latter case, the students may want to glance at you for your demeanor, body language, points of emphasis, etc. that relate to the interpretation of your message. As you continue to look at the deaf or hard-of-hearing student to whom you are speaking, it will remind you to speak directly to the student. You are communicating with the student, and the interpreter is there as a language facilitator. Therefore, it is best not to say to the interpreter, "tell him..." or "tell her..." These tips will allow for a smoother communication experience for all.

Our Deepest Sympathy

The campus extends its sympathy to John Young (Physical Plant Management) and his family on the loss of his father.

Events

Univ. Relations Reception

Vice President Bill Outhouse and the UR staff invite the campus community to a reception welcoming Murray Wood, Associate Vice President for University Development, and Suzanne Hackett, Director of Campaigns, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Mon., Sept. 27, at the University Club.

Bioinformatics Seminars

The Mathematics Department is sponsoring a series of lectures on bioinformatics. Lectures will be from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Science Building 2132. The schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 28: "Bioinformatics as a Team Sport with Players from Computer Science, Mathematics, and Molecular Biology" featuring Fred Fox, professor of microbiology at UCLA.
- Oct. 12: "Use of Microsatellites in Wildlife Forensics" featuring Ken Jones, president of Genetic Identification Services, Inc. and a CSUN professor emeritus.

Psychology Graduate School

The Psychology Department is sponsoring a forum from 1-3 p.m. Wed., Sept. 29, in Sierra Hall, room 305. Topics
include choosing and achieving a graduate degree and issues dealing with GPA, GRE, entrance requirements, research opportunities and career choices. fmi-Carrie Saetermoe, x2827.

Satellite Teleconferences

The College of Extended Learning invites the campus community to two upcoming live satellite teleconferences in the Oviatt Library's lower level classroom 1. The schedule is as follows:

- "Successful Transitions: Creating Higher Education Opportunities that Support Welfare-to-Work" will broadcast from 10-11:30 a.m. Thu., Sept. 30. This conference will cover academic programs to help welfare recipients train for successful job placement. The PBS Adult Learning Service presents the broadcast, which is produced by the University Continuing Education Association with support from the Welfare Information Network.
- "Exemplary Models for Web-Based Learning" will broadcast from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Thu., Oct. 7. The broadcast includes a panel of faculty and course designers who present models of web-based instruction. Instructors will learn how to build or improve their class web sites at this teleconference, which is open to the campus community.

Volunteers Needed

The Career Center is seeking volunteers for the following events:

- Memory Walk to put Alzheimer's on the run will take place at 6:30 a.m. Sat., Oct., 2, at the Los Angeles Zoo. The entry fee to walk is $15. Proceeds will benefit the Los Angeles Alzheimer's Association. fmi-(323) 938-3379 x28.
- Volunteer Festival, sponsored by the City of Los Angeles, will take place from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun., Oct. 3, at Valley College. This is an opportunity to meet agencies in the Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley areas. fmi-(888) CARE-4-LA.
- Neighborhood Pride Day will take place from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sat., Oct. 9, in Pacoima. Volunteers are needed to paint and repair 10 homes. fmi-Jorge Valle, (818) 834-7858 x14.

Chemistry Seminars

The Chemistry Club and the Chemistry Department are sponsoring a seminar titled "The Central Role of Computational Biology in Drug Discovery" at 4 p.m. Wed., Oct 6, in Science Building, room 2228. Henry Schultz of AMGEN will speak. fmi-x3381.

Health Science Symposium

The Health Sciences Department and the Health Administration Program Practitioner Advisory Committee will present a symposium titled "The Balanced Budget Act of 1997: Is Your Act Together?" from 8 a.m. to noon Thu., Oct. 7, in the USU Grand Salon. Faculty and students will join leaders from acute, long-term and outpatient care to assess and discuss management implications of the act, the financial challenges to quality and optimal levels of care, and
strategies for coping with change. Attendance is by reservation only. RSVP at (818) 788-7662 by Mon., Oct. 4. fmi-Lou Rubino, x7476.

**Graduate Teaching Workshop**

The Graduate Teaching Workshop will be held Sat., Oct. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The workshop, led by CSUN faculty, will include such topics as course design, teaching strategies, learning styles, student evaluation and troubleshooting. All teaching assistants and students who are interested in careers in community college or university-level teaching are encouraged to attend. Applications are due Oct. 1. fmi-x2138.

**CELT Workshops**

The Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching is sponsoring two workshops:

- **Workshop on Encouraging Students** has two sessions of the same workshop from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Tue., Oct. 12, and noon to 2 p.m. Fri., Oct 15, in the Student Services Building, room 400. The workshop discusses student learning. Refreshments will be provided.
- **Faculty Writing for Publication Workshop** has two sessions of the same workshop from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thu., Oct. 28, and Fri., Oct. 29, in the Education Building, rooms 1214 and 1216. Due to the nature of the workshop, attendance at the entire workshop is required. Lunch will be provided.

Space is limited for both workshops. For reservations and more information, call x5934.

**AIDS Walk**

CSUN invites the community to join university faculty, staff, students and alumni on the CSUN team to participate in the 15th annual AIDS Walk Los Angeles on Sun., Oct. 17, at the Paramount Studios. CSUN Interim President Louanne Kennedy and other senior campus administrators will be walking. Breakfast and bus transportation will be provided free from university parking lot C the morning of the walk. There are no fees to join the AIDS Walk, but pre-registration is required. People donating $5 or more will receive a free shirt. For information or to sign up, call Amy Reichbach, x3683.

**Classes**

**Computer Workshops**

The Learning Resource Center is offering two workshops in the Student Services Building, room 416, for students and faculty on Microsoft Word and HTML.

- Microsoft Word Session I is from 2-3 p.m. Mon., Sept. 27, and from 11 a.m. to noon Thu., Oct. 7.
- HTML Session I is from 2-3 p.m. Tue., Oct. 5, and 11 a.m. to noon Wed., Oct. 6. To reserve a space, call x2033, or e-mail hflrc007@csun.edu.

**HyperNews Workshop**

This two-part workshop teaches how to post messages to HyperNews discussions and how to create HyperNews discussion forums. The sessions are from 2-4 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6, in Student Services Building, room 416. HyperNews is a simple, easy-to-use web-based bulletin board that organizes and archives discussion in easy-to-read threads. Hyper-discussions can be created on any document: a course reading, a student paper, a web document, and more. The instructor is Catheryn Cheal from the Art and Web Project. To enroll, e-mail...
Public Speaking Course

The Communication for Youth Institute program is offering a public speaking course through the Communication Studies Department for students in grades 7-12. This six-week course will be taught on Saturdays from 9-11:30 a.m. beginning Oct. 2. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis and class size is limited. A $20 materials fee for the course will be collected at the first meeting. fmi-Rebecca Litke, x2047 or x2853.

Ceramics Lab

The University Student Union ceramics lab is offering fall classes. These small, non-credit, eight-week sessions offer individual instruction plus additional time to work outside of class. Afternoon and evening sessions begin Mon., Oct. 4. Register early, space is limited. fmi-x2798.

Effective Learning Workshops

The Academic Performance Enhancement Experience (APEX) provides students with the opportunity to learn more effective ways to learn by improving reading, note-taking and test preparation techniques. Students will learn how to better manage time, avoid procrastination, reduce stress and motivate themselves. Single-meeting sessions will be offered as follows: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, Oct. 5-Nov. 2, and 1-3 p.m. on Wednesdays, Oct. 13-Nov. 10, at University Counseling Services, fifth floor of the Student Services Building. fmi-x2366.

Defensive Driving Classes

Two defensive driving classes will be offered Thu., Oct. 7-the first from 8:30 a.m.-noon and the second from 1-4:30 p.m.-in the USU Balboa Room. Faculty, staff and student employees who drive a state vehicle (including carts) in the course of their work must complete this class. Note: this class no longer needs to be repeated every four years. Space is limited. For reservations and information, call Christina Lewis, Environmental Health and Safety Office, x2401.

Conflict Mediation Training

Will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursdays, Oct. 7-Nov. 4, in the Student Services Building, room 520L. The instructor is Tony Johnson. Everyone is welcome. fmi-x2366.

PACE Forum

PACE Director Sheryl Thompson and participating faculty will discuss how web teaching has impacted their goals and experiences at the PACE Forum from 2-4 p.m. Tue., Oct. 12, in Education Building, room 2121B. PACE programs use innovative course scheduling to improve working students' opportunities to make progress toward completion of their degrees. Classes meet one night per week and on Saturdays. For the fall semester, CSUN initiated a PACE program for two majors: business and liberal studies. fmi- sheryl.thompson@csun.edu.

Deadlines

Faculty Activity Reports

The deadline for submission of faculty activity reports by all full-time and part-time faculty is Fri., Oct. 1. Report
forms are available from department secretaries. They should be submitted to the department chair. fmi-x2962.

**Distinguished Visiting Speakers**

Applications for the distinguished visiting speakers program are due Fri., Oct. 1. This program is designed to bring well-known speakers to CSUN. Applications may be submitted for classroom visits or department seminars by a guest lecturer (up to $400), or by campus individuals or small groups of scholars with broad appeal to the campus community (up to $1,500). fmi-Office of Graduate Studies, x2138.

**Sabbatical Leave Applications**

Faculty members intending to apply for a sabbatical leave for the 2000-01 academic year should file an application with their department chair no later than Fri., Oct. 8. Application forms and information about the application are available from the department secretaries. fmi-x2962.

**Graduate Thesis Support**

Applications are due Fri., Oct. 15. Eligibility is restricted to classified graduate students working on their projects. A thesis planning form must be on file and a minimum GPA of 3.0 is required. Individuals who have previously received support from this program are ineligible. fmi-x2138.

**Assistive Services and Equipment Requests**

The 1999-2000 budget for the Disabled Employees Program includes funding for the Assistive Equipment/Auxiliary Aid Program for campus employees with disabilities. Requests for both assistive equipment and auxiliary assistance must be submitted at the same time and sent to mail drop 8208 by Fri., Oct. 15. The request forms and guidelines have been revised. To receive the updated versions, contact Joan Hall, x2077.

**Student Research Symposium Applications**

CSUN will hold its third campus-wide Student Research and Creative Works Symposium on Fri., Nov. 19, highlighting student achievement and the quality and diversity of research and creative activity being conducted. Applications and abstracts of presentations or poster displays must be submitted by Mon., Oct. 18, to the Office of Graduate Studies, Research and International Programs (mail code 8222). fmi-x2138.

**Fulbright Scholar Awards**

The competition for 2000/2001 Fulbright Scholar Awards for U.S. faculty and professionals opened March 1, 1999. Opportunities for lecturing or advanced research in more than 125 countries are available to college and university faculty as well as to professionals outside academe, including artists, journalists and lawyers. Awards range from two to 10 months, and many are flexible according to the needs of grantees. In addition, a number of open awards allow applicants to suggest their own grant activities and host institutions. Various deadlines are in effect for special programs, including international education administrators programs and the Fulbright German studies seminar (November 1), and NATO advanced research fellowships and institutional grants (January 1). fmi and for application materials- Tom Spencer-Walters, x2138.